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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum on Travel Entitlement for TRICARE Prime Enrollees Referred
for Distant Specialty Services

Reference: Section 758, FY01 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

Section 758 of the FY01 NDAA provides a travel entitlement for TRICARE Prime enrollees in certain situations. This entitlement applies when an enrollee is referred from their Primary Care Manager's (PCM) office to a specialist over 100 miles away for medically necessary specialty care. This new entitlement does not replace existing entitlements in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR). As such, this does not apply to active duty family members OCONUS, referrals under the Specialized Treatment Service or Active Duty Service Members. These beneficiaries already have a higher level of entitlement than provided under Section 758. The attachment contains questions and answers that explain this new travel entitlement.

Request each Service take those steps necessary to prepare for the actual implementation of this program. We will notify you when the system is in place to be able to start processing the Prime travel claims. This entitlement will be retroactive to October 30, 2000. Questions should be addressed to Lt Col Loretta Bailey, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Program Operations Directorate (POD) (703) 681-0039.

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Attachment:
As stated